

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7533

Investigation into Implementation of Standard     )  
Offer Prices for Sustainably Priced Energy        )  
Enterprise Development ("SPEED") resources        )

Order entered: 10/9/09

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

On September 24, 2009, the Clerk of the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a Memorandum with a proposed schedule for this proceeding. The Memorandum requested that parties comment on the proposal by October 1, 2009. No party commented. In the absence of any objection, we adopt the schedule as proposed, with one minor modification. Specifically, the Clerk's memorandum requested that:

all participants who wish to conduct discovery and provide direct testimony file a statement with the Clerk of the Board that lists the name of the individual, the company or organization (unless the individual is pro se), a mailing address, and a telephone number.

This Order requires that statement to be filed by October 26. For completeness, the schedule is set out below.

By October 9	Board staff to issue a guidance document that identifies issues to address, format, spreadsheet models, and any other requirements for testimony and support (ideally this will anticipate most of the support needed with the filings).
October 15	Status Conference (9:30 a.m., in Board Hearing Room)
October 26	Parties that intend to conduct discovery, present testimony, or conduct cross-examination shall file a statement of that intent, which shall include the name of the individual, the company or organization (unless the individual is pro se), a mailing address, and a telephone number.
October 30	Direct Testimony

November 6	Discovery – 1st round (7-day response)
November 13	Discovery Conference (in place of second round)(all parties that filed testimony are required to attend)
November 20	Rebuttal Testimony
Week of November 30	Technical Hearings with live surrebuttal
December 16	Direct Briefs
December 22	Reply Briefs

As discussed in the Clerk's Memorandum, this schedule does not expressly provide for discovery following the submission of rebuttal testimony. Should parties submit extensive new evidence during the rebuttal stage, we expect that parties will work together to accommodate requests for information and respond to questions.

Also, we want to remind participants that the primary purpose of the October 15 conference is to discuss the hearing process and other procedural matters. A number of parties in the proceeding are not familiar with the formal hearing process. One function of the status conference will be to ensure that all parties understand the process and their responsibilities as parties.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 9th day of October, 2009.

s/ George E. Young  
George E. Young  
Hearing Officer

s/ J. Riley Allen  
J. Riley Allen  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 9, 2009

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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